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SUBJ: US PROPOSAL ON ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY

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- 1. THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL FOR THE STRUCTURE OF THE EXPERTS WORK ON THE ECONOMIC ROLE OF WOMEN WAS PREPARED BY CEA, FOLLOWING DISCUSSION AT MSAC DELEGATION MEETING OF POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE STRUCTURES. IN ADDITION CEA CHAIRMAN STEIN PLANS WRITE TO VAN LENNEP TO EXPRESS HIS INTEREST IN HAVING WORK PROGRAM FOLLOW LINES OF THIS PROPOSAL. MISS ONEILL WILL HAND CARRY THIS LETTER.
- (A) FIVE OR SIX COUNTRIES WOULD BE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE STUDY. AN EXPERT FROM EACH OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT ON HIS COUNTRY TO BE PRESENTED AT AN EXPERTS MEETING IN THE US IN NOVEMBER. EACH EXPERT WOULD THEN COVER THE SAME SET OF TOPICS, TOPICS WHICH WILL HAVE BEEN MUTUALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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AGREED UPON. PRESUMABLY, DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CHOICE OF TOPICS CAN BEGIN AT THE MARCH 13-15 MEETING. THE PURPOSE OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING WILL THEN BE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ABOUT THE WAY PARTICULAR PHENOMENA OPERATE WITHIN THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. WE PREFER THAT EACH EXPERT SPECIALIZE IN HIS OWN COUNTRY RATHER THAN IN A TOPIC, BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES, GIVEN TIME AND BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, OF BECOMING KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT OTHER COUNTRIES' DATA AND

AND SPECIAL PROBLEMS. INDEED, WE FORESEE THAT ONE GREAT BENEFIT OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING WILL BE TO PROVIDE FOR AN INTERCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITHOUT THE NEED FOR INDIVIDUAL EXPERTS EACH TO VISIT ALL THE OTHER COUNTRIES. A "WORLD EXPERT" MIGHT WELL PARTICIPATE WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO SUMMARIZE THE INFORMATION PRESENTED AND DEVELOP SOME OF THE THEMES.

- (B) COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THOSE REPRESENTED BY AN EXPERT MAY WISH TO PARTICIPATE. IN THAT CASE, THE SECRETARIAT MIGHT SELECT ONE EXPERT, WHO WOULD PREPARE A REPORT ON THESE OTHER COUNTRIES, COVERING THE AGREED- UPON TOPICS.
- (C) EACH PARTICIPATING COUNTRY WOULD PREPARE DATA AND MATERIALS FOR USE BY THE COUNTRY EXPERT. THIS EFFORT COULD BE DIRECTED BY A NATIONAL COORDINATOR WHO WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THE COUNTRY EXPERT. THE OECD MIGHT FIND IT USEFUL TO COLLECT AND PUBLISH THE CURRENT DATA PREPARED FOR THE REPORTS, PERHAPS COVERING A WIDER RANGE OF TOPICS THAN THOSE SELECTED FOR THE EXPERTS' REPORTS.
- (D) EACH PARTICIPATING COUNTRY SHOULD, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SUBMIT A LIST OF POSSIBLE COUNTRY EXPERTS WHICH THE OECD WILL USE IN ITS SELECTION PROCESS. EXPERTS WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE WORKED ON THE GENERAL TOPIC OF THE ECONOMIC ROLE OF WOMEN AND WILL BE PERSONS TRAINED IN ECONOMICS AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS.
- 2. FYI: WE HAVE RECEIVED A COMMITMENT BY FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK TO FUND TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES OF EXPERTS ATTENDING NOVEMBER MEETING, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN NEW YORK. MISS ONEILL WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS TO MISSION. ROGERS

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